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1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE WILLIAM E. DENNIS, JR., HAS JUST INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT HE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO EVACUATE HIS MOTHER ON A MEDICAL STRETCHER VIA PA 189 LEAVING MONROVIA 2330 HOURS AUGUST 14 ARRIVING NEW YORK 0500 HOURS LOCAL TIME AUGUST 15. MRS. DENNIS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DR. JOHN STEIN, DR. ELIZABETH STEIN, MINISTER DENNIS, JR., AND POSSIBLY DR. BRISBANE OF THE FIRESTONE HOSPITAL. THE LOCAL PAN AM OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED ALL RESERVATIONS.

2. MINISTER DENNIS IS HOPEFUL THAT THE STABILIZATION OF HIS MOTHER'S CONDITION MAY MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR TREATMENT TO TAKE PLACE IN A NEW YORK HOSPITAL. HOWEVER, THIS DECISION CAN NOT BE MADE UNTIL DR. JOHN STEIN, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MONROVIA APPROXIMATELY 0900 AUGUST 14, HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE PATIENT FIRSTHAND. IF DR. STEIN FEELS IT IS NECESSARY THAT MRS. DENNIS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BROOKE ARMY HOSPITAL IN SAN ANTONIO, THE ONLY MEANS OF SUCH TRANSFER MAY BE THE MEDEVAC FROM NEW YORK TO SAN ANTONIO. MINISTER DENNIS WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE KNOWING THE APPROXIMATE COST OF SUCH MEDEVAC FLIGHT.

3. THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADVISED AT THE EARLIEST MOMENT OF DR. STEIN'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND WHETHER THE MEDEVAC WILL BE REQUIRED NEW YORK TO SAN ANTONIO.

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